

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an affront to the democratic process and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. I am appalled by this blatant use of media power to air lies against an honorable man who has served our country honorably.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Showing this abominable pack of lies is an abuse of the public interest and the democratic process. When large companies control the airwaves, they serve their own economic interests and have the ability to ignore what we need for our democracy. Instead of biased electioneering produced at "News Central" far away, we should see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.